(d) the schedule for creating the necessary laws which will benefit workers to get their dues after factories are closed; and

(e) the reasons for delays in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Benefits under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 framed under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 are available to a worker on being employed only. Therefore, provisioning for unemployed workers does not arise. Safeguards already exist under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for protecting the interest of the workers affected by closure.

National Fund for Rural Development

3451. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started a National Fund for Rural Development some years ago;

(b) the details of this fund and how much funds have been collected since its inception;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Fund for Rural Development has been basically miaused by the corporation for their own benefits;

(d) what are the modifications proposed in operation of the fund; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed to remove the weakness in operation of the fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD) has been set up vide Resolution of the Government of India, Cabinet Secretariat dated 10th February/I 934 (partially amended by Resolution dated 18th March 1985) to mobilize funds from individual corporate and non-corporate bodies for taking up rural development activities. So far, Rs. 11,71,97,065.15 (Rupees eleven crores seventy-one lakhs ninety seven thousand sixty five and fifteen paise only) have been received under NFRD. However,

Rs. 5,10,86,422.57 (Rupees five crores ten lakhs eighty six thousand fourhundred twenty two and fifty-seven paise only) has been released to different agencies from time to time for taking up rural development activities. As on date, Rs. 6,81,10,642.58 (Rupees six crores eighty-one lakhs ten thousand six hundred forty two and fifty-eight paise only) are available under NFRD.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Total Sanitation Programme

†3452. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be peased to state:

(a) since when the Total Sanitation Programme' is in force in the country;

(b) the States which have not adopted this programme;

(c) the funds provided to each of the States for the same as on 31st January, 2006; and

(d) the number of such villages of Chhattisgarh which have been declared Totally Clean' and the names of the villages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) Programme was introduced in the country from April, 1999. and has been adopted by 3ll States.

(c) Funds provided for implementation of TSC Programme in different States is given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(d) Under TSC, an incentive scheme namely Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) has been introduced for encouraging Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in developing their villages as clean villages. During last year, 12 Gram Panchayats of Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh were given this award. The names of the villages are given in the enclosed Statement-ll (See below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.